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# LOMITA NIXES ANY ANNEXATION

## A Penny for your Thoughts

"Do you think speed limits should be strictly enforced? Do you feel this would cut down on accidents? Do you believe these limits are realistic or do you think they are outdated on modern highways and freeways?"

That was the question the HERALD's inquisitive photographer asked several persons in downtown Torrance this week. Their pictures and answers follow:

Cal Newell, 2319 Arlington St., oil distributor:

"Certainly a driver can't keep his eye on the speedometer while doing a good job of driving. I think the limits should be more realistic. Perhaps a top limit of 70 would be realistic on the open road. I don't believe in strict enforcement of an unrealistic limit."

John B. Feltes, 1820 Arlington, pottery caster and union president:

"I believe the speed limits are outdated on freeways. The limits are all right in town, but as long as freeway conditions warrant it, I believe a driver should let the car run, just so long as he doesn't tailgate."

Mrs. Pauline Akins, 1668 W. Anaheim, Harbor City, drug clerk:

"I think they should be strictly enforced. In my opinion, this would cut down on accidents. I believe the present speed limits are realistic."

Mrs. Nadine Niekol, 1730 Arlington St., vocal coach:

"I feel the present speed limits should be enforced. Their purpose is public safety—and this is as important now as when the limits were first imposed. Why bother to write laws if we're not going to obey and enforce them?"

Mrs. Marty Lepage, 1414 Cravens, housewife:

"Strict enforcement saves lives and cuts down on the permanent crippling of human bodies. The lives of the motorists on the freeways are as valuable as those of the children playing in the city streets. Let's heed the limits in town and on the superhighways as well."

TO FETE MOTHERS

A Valentine party for all mothers residing in North Torrance will be sponsored by the Mothers' Club of McMaster Park Wednesday from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at the park. Games, refreshments, and baby-sitting will be provided.



NEW FILE SYSTEM . . . Police Record Clerk Lois Reynolds and Assistant Chief M. H. Porter check the new super elevator filing system installed this week in the Torrance Police Department. The mechanical file has space for more than three million cards, and gives police an instant reference to any document file. (Herald Photo)

## Officials Optimistic

# Hopes Bright For New Water Group

Confidence that 15,000 signatures would be obtained by the March 1 deadline was expressed Friday by Carl Fossett, manager of the West Basin Water Assn., who is pushing efforts to establish at Water Replenishment District in the southern area of Los Angeles County.

He reported a total of 12,369 signatures by Friday, and announced that Lawndale was the first over its quota with 130 per cent of its allotted signatures.

At the same time, Roger "Pat" Hogue, chairman of the volunteer water replenishment committee for Torrance, reported that this city is well on its way to reaching its quota of signatures. Hogue's committee is out to secure 6750 signers by the March deadline.

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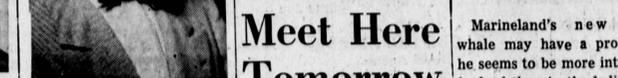
## City Chosen for Powder Puff Race

Torrance has been officially selected as the starting point for the annual "Powder Puff" derby later this year, the HERALD learned this week. Official announcement of the selection with details of the race is expected to be made this week.

## TEAC to Meet Here Tomorrow

Some of the way in which Torrance school officials check up on themselves will be discussed at the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee meeting tomorrow noon at the Torrance YMCA.

## IN REALTOR POST . . . Atty. Donald J. Hitchcock, partner in the firm of Mewborn and Hitchcock, 2211 Torrance Blvd., has been appointed as Board President Ken Miller. Hitchcock is a past president of the Torrance Dental Health Assn. an member of the Torrance Kiwanis Club.



THE DISTRICT would buy Colorado River water and percolate it into the underground in the spreading basins of the San Gabriel and Rio Hondo rivers below Whittier Narrows Dam, it was explained. It is at this point that all water naturally enters the reservoirs which extend all the way to the ocean. This procedure would be augmented by a series of injection wells in the Torrance and South Bay areas which would permit water to be forced down into the reservoir under pressure to build up a fresh water barrier to salt water encroachment.

## Chamber in Firm Stand

"We're going to take a stand on this thing, once and for all, and you can say we're not in favor of any annexation by Torrance at any time."

Last week, that was the statement of Henry G. Mathews, newly installed president of the Lomita Chamber of Commerce.

This week, it is the official stand of the Lomita Chamber of Commerce, endorsed by the board of directors at its first formal meeting.

Action of the new Chamber board follows a move by Torrance to nibble off another corner of the community at Crenshaw Blvd. and Lomita Blvd., and a discussion by members of the Torrance city council on the possibility of annexing a section along Pennsylvania Ave.

## OTHER MATTERS coming before the Lomita board this week, included a discussion of the Harbor Freeway and the decision to push for its completion between 190th St. and Pacific Coast Hwy. Work is now in progress to 190th St.

In this action, the Lomita boosters are supporting the Harbor Area Chambers of Commerce who are seeking allocations to complete the last link of the important freeway to the harbor.

THE CHAMBER is sending out letters to area organizations asking their help in the freeway matter. Ronny H. Cortes of Shell Oil Co. will be guest speaker at

## Shotgun Murder Trial Date Set

Edward Benevitez and Gabriel J. Barreras, both 18, will go on trial in Inglewood Superior Court March 17 for the shotgun murder of William Johnson, 40-year-old Los Angeles barber, on a North Torrance street corner last Dec. 21.

The trial date was set Friday by Superior Judge John J. Shidler, sitting pro-tem on the Inglewood bench. He ordered the two East Los Angeles men held without bail.

Johnson, who lived at 1609 W. 107th St., died Christmas morning following the shooting at 182nd St. and Western Ave. Benevitez has been identified as the man who pulled the trigger.

JOHNSON and his nephew, Dale Allsop, of 18435 St. Andrews Place, had walked from the Allsop home to 182nd and Western Ave. to get a package of cigarettes. They were returning to the Allsop residence when three youths, identified

## COMPANION FOR BUBBLES

# He's an Eater--Not a Lover

Marineland's new male whale may have a problem—he seems to be more interested in food than in the ladies.

The 17-foot black pilot whale captured Jan. 21 by Marineland is in an enviable position for both groceries and female companionship. He is plied daily with bucketfuls of delicacies. And he shares his four-story tank of filtered sea water with two of the cutest lady whales you ever saw—Bubbles, a 14-foot, brown-eyed charmer, and Squirt, a 12-foot coquet.



NEW MEMBER . . . Postmaster Clara Conner accepts certificate acknowledging membership in the YMCA's Century Club from President Scott Albright. Mrs. Conner is the first woman admitted to the ranks of the club. (Herald Photo)

## The First Woman

# Postmaster Joins Club

Postmaster Clara Conner yesterday became the first woman admitted to the ranks of the Century Club, an organization of the YMCA.

Welcomed to the Club by President Scott Albright, Mrs. Conner said it was "a pleasure to join the 35 men," who also had met the club's entrance qualifications — donations of \$100 or more to the YMCA.

While accepting her membership in the organization, Mrs. Conner issued a challenge to all mothers to join her in participating in the YMCA Current Support Campaign, pointing out that the YMCA goal of \$30,000 must be met to keep the YMCA alive and growing with community needs.

At the same time she lauded the "Y" for its work with teenagers and suggested that it would be well worth the \$30,000 budget if one child could be guided to safety from narcotics or similar serious problem.

The general support campaign for the "Y" will be officially opened next Thursday evening at a banquet at the YWCA building starting at 7. Century Club plaques will be presented at that time, Albright said.

## CITY MAY GET FIFTH HI SCHOOL

Since Torrance schools may house some 12,000 to 13,000 children within 10 years, a fifth high school may well loom on local horizons, the Board of Education was told this week. There apparently will be no need for a sixth high school.

There appears to be enough bond money to purchase the site for a fifth high school if the board chooses to do so at an early date, officials said, although the final unit of South High School and the first unit of West High must be built within 10 years.

Further study of figures and sites will be needed before a definite recommendation will be made. Figures indicate that an enrollment of more than 12,000 is possible by 1969 or (Continued on Page 2)

Before that time, however,